



## St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School

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### Newsletter No. 18 – Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

Dear Families,

We are very much underway with how we teach reading in school with our EYFS and KS1 children following Song of Sounds and our KS2 children using Accelerated Reader.

It is also really important that we are able to listen to children read on a 1:1 basis. If you have the capability to give up an afternoon as a volunteer 1:1 reader that would be really appreciated. For further information on this, please can you express your interest with the office.

Also, we have had an update regarding the swimming pool. Work should be starting on the lining repair in February half term. As we get updates from the Findon Swimming Pool Committee, we will let you know.

Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes.  
Mrs Sharrock

### CHOIR CLUB

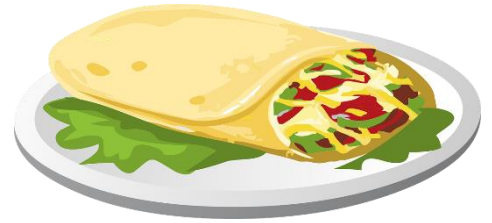


Choir Practice with Mrs Stoner will be recommencing, after school, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. We will be preparing for a service at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am, when our choir will be opening the service with songs and hymns. In addition, we will be working on music for the school's Easter Service on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

We look forward to as many children from KS2 and Year 2 as possible joining the choir, as we know that there are many children at St. John's, who have lovely voices.

## **CHARTWELLS NEW MEAL ORDERING SYSTEM**

Please remember to order Chartwells lunches by next Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, at the latest, to ensure that your child has a meal when they return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.



FSM, UIFSM and paid meals must be selected 10 days in advance - parents have until 11.50 pm on Thursdays to place meals via ParentPay. We are here to help if you have any queries.

**If you have ordered a Chartwells meal for your child on a particular day, please do not send in a packed lunch on that day, as the meal will go to waste.**

## **SOUTHERN AREA CROSS COUNTRY FINALS**

Last Friday, William represented our school at the Southern Area Cross Country Finals at Windlesham House School. We were very proud that one of children qualified to compete against the best runners in West Sussex. The race was 1.8km long, with some steep hills and there were 112 boys in the Year 6 race. He ran the race in 7 minutes and 55 seconds, coming in 30<sup>th</sup> place. What a fantastic achievement – well done!



## **MESSY CHURCH**

The next session is after school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, at Findon Village Hall, when we will be thinking about Jesus as the light of the world.

Blessings from the Rectory

### **Recent Correspondence**

- **Choir Club Letter to Year 2 and KS2**
- **Before and After School Club booking forms are now available for next half term.**
- **Email invites to Book Club and Art Club**

## DATES FOR 2023



We have added **extra dates in red** to the list below, so please make sure that you regularly check the dates and update your diaries.

Mon 6 Feb	Observatory Science Centre visiting school - YR & KS1 – please send in £9 contribution
Tues 7 Feb	E-Safety Parent Workshop
Thurs 9 Feb	Y5 & Y6 Parent workshops(9 am & 2.30 pm)
w/c 13 Feb	Half-term holiday
Mon 20 Feb	Back to school
Mon 20 Feb	Y2 and KS2 Choir Club (3.20 – 4.15 pm)
Tues 21 Feb	Parents Evening (3.30 – 6.30 pm)
Wed 22 Feb	Year 1 visiting Windlesham House School – Please return consent slips Parents Evening (excl. Rowan Class) (3.30 – 5.00 pm)
Thurs 23 Feb	Rowan Class Parents Evening (3.30 – 5.00pm)
Thurs 2 Mar	Rowan, Holly & Oak Zoolab visit – please send in £7 contribution
Fri 3 Mar	Celebrating World Book Day – details to follow
Sun 5 Mar	Choir singing at church (10 am)
Thurs 9 Mar	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 17 Mar	Red Nose Day – details to follow
Thurs 30 Mar	Easter Service – venue to be confirmed
Fri 31 Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade – details to follow
w/c 3 Apr	Easter Holiday
Mon 17 Apr	INSET Day
Tues 18 Apr	Back to school
Tues 25 Apr	Bag2School Collection at 9 am
Mon 1 May	May Bank Holiday
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday – Coronation of King Charles III
May	Year 2 Assessments will be carried out during May
Tues 9 – Fri 12 May	Year 6 National Curriculum Assessments
Fri 12 May	Non-Uniform Day – In aid of Summer Revels
Sat 13 May	Summer Revels
w/c 29 May	Half- term holiday
Mon 5 June	INSET Day
Tues 6 June	Back to school
w/c 12 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Mon 26 June	Year 6 Leavers’ Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.15 pm)
Fri 30 June	Class Photos